

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Participant: EQUIPOP - Equipop
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	T 8.3		
Event name:	Platform Coordination Meeting		
Type:	Meeting		
In situ/online:	<i>In-situ</i>		
Location:	France, Lyon		
Date(s):	09th July 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://equipop.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Event-Description-Sheet_template_Ella-Concertation-Meeting-July.pdf		
Participants			
Female:	24		
Male:	1		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [name]:	N/A		
From country 2 [name]:	N/A		
From country 3 [name]:	N/A		
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Total number of participants:	25	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

PARTICIPATION:

25 people, representatives of the Town Hall (equality mission and security mission) and of the structures for the reception and support of women victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence were present.

Regarding the town hall, 5 people participated: agents from the equality mission and agents from the security mission as well as the elected deputy mayor in charge of equality, Ms. Tomic.

The following actors were represented in the reception, protection, support, and reintegration/reconstruction of women victims and survivors of gender-based violence:

1. the Mas association
2. the Da ti Seni association
3. the ARIANELLES association
4. the CIDFF Rhône Alpes – Auvergne Region
5. the Forum Réfugiés association
6. the Ospere
7. the PasserElles Buissonnières association
8. the Soroptimist association
9. the association Au Tambour
10. Lyon 2 University: Department of Equality and Gender.
11. the VIFFII SOS Women association
12. the Filactions association
13. the Equipop association (including a volunteer from the SAFE project)

La Maison des Femmes, Balafré, Vetagro – Coordination de la vie étudiante, CLIT and Nous toutes Rhône excused themselves for the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting, as stated in the invitation letter, were to:

- 1) Identify the needs in terms of unifying and coordinating mechanisms and approaches in order to provide quality socio-economic support to survivors of gender-based violence
- 2) Identify existing strengths and knowledge that can mutually reinforce all stakeholders involved.
- 3) Lay the groundwork to define an action plan that will guide the next steps.

The **agenda** was as follows:

PART 1

- Learn about the Cities4ELLA project and locate Equipop
- Getting to know each other better and mapping the group's practices and expertise
- Launch of reflections and discussions and framing of the theme of socio-economic empowerment (at an international, national and local level)
- Exchange of good practices: Feedback on the trip to Milan and exchanges with other European cities in the project (observations from

other countries, good practices, etc.)

PART 2

- Identifying resources and obstacles in the journeys of survivors (according to specific women's profiles), particularly regarding socio-economic aspects: group work and feedback sessions to identify
- How can we better support women victims/survivors in their empowerment journey at our respective levels and what are our cross-cutting needs?
- Closer ties and links with businesses: Diversification of resources and independence from policies, Business involvement in prevention and support:
- Resource Mobilization
- Collaboration between local services (public, non-profit, private) working in the fields of professional integration and/or social and solidarity economy (SSE)
- Role of survivors in care pathways (Recognition of the importance of peer support and expert patients)
- Map the services available to women and present them in a clear, simple and regularly updated format.

Key points discussed

- **Socio-economic empowerment was recognised as a multidimensional process**, extending beyond employment and financial independence to include access to rights, psychological recovery, housing, healthcare and long-term autonomy for survivors of gender-based violence.
- **Participants stressed the importance of integrated and survivor-centred support pathways**, highlighting that no single organisation can address survivors' needs alone and that common approaches and shared language across sectors are essential for effective cooperation.
- **The exchange of practices from Milan, Barcelona, Greece and Germany provided valuable insights** into different governance models, demonstrating both successful examples of coordinated support systems and common challenges such as fragmented funding, uneven institutional support and limited implementation of existing policies.
- **The role of employers and the private sector emerged as a key topic**, with discussions focusing on how businesses can contribute to prevention, workplace support and employment retention for survivors, while ensuring that partnerships remain ethical and do not expose women to exploitation.
- **Participants emphasised the need to strengthen survivors' agency**, recognising the value of peer support, survivor expertise and accessible information on available services to make support pathways more responsive, empowering and easier to navigate.

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Next Steps & Evaluation

To do list agreed:

- Drafting the minutes of the meeting and sharing them with the partners
- Draft Strategic Action Plan (Equipop), first review of the Action Plan (Lyon City Council), review and approval of the Action Plan (consultative group partners)
- Implement the Action Plan
- Identify participants for the trip to Karditsa (Greece) and subsequent trips
- Prepare for the trip to Karditsa
- Identify potential new partners, particularly in the private sector and in the field of integration/reintegration
- Planning the second consultation meeting
- Planning the exchange trip to Lyon
- Continuing discussions following the meeting, particularly with a view to a potential Territorial Protocol on the economic and social empowerment of women, which would specifically include women who are survivors of violence.

Building on the stakeholder mapping and preparatory activities carried out under Tasks T8.1 and T8.2, the Platform Coordination Meeting (T8.3) generated the priorities and recommendations that formed the basis of the Strategic Action Plan (T8.4), the main follow-up output of the work package.

As part of the **follow up work** related to this event, Equipop drafted a Strategic Action Plan, available upon request, which will guide the work of the organization and the relevant stakeholders throughout the project.

Based on the lumpsum event, as well as thanks to the first field visit to Milan (Italy) – activity under WP4, participants agreed on **three strategic priorities**: ensuring sustainable funding for prevention and support services; strengthening collaboration between public institutions, civil society and labour market actors; and promoting holistic, integrated and survivor-centred approaches that actively involve women survivors in the design, implementation and evaluation of socio-economic empowerment programmes.

The meeting, in fact, concluded with the definition of a practical **Action Plan** and key actions that are included in the strategic document.

The Action Plan places **survivors** at the centre of the proposed interventions, recognising that women with lived experience should play an active role in the design, implementation and evaluation of socio-economic empowerment programmes. Their meaningful participation is considered essential to ensure that support measures respond to real needs, strengthen survivors' agency and contribute to more inclusive, effective and sustainable pathways towards autonomy.

To translate these priorities into practice, the Action Plan identifies **three**

complementary areas of intervention.

First, it promotes the organisation of local multi-stakeholder meetings to strengthen cooperation, referral mechanisms and coordination among public authorities, civil society organisations, employment services and private actors.

Second, it encourages the exploration of diversified and sustainable funding opportunities, including ethical private partnerships and European funding programmes, to improve the long-term sustainability of support services.

Finally, it proposes improving access to information on available services while promoting survivor participation through peer-support initiatives and consultation mechanisms.

Together, these actions aim to build coordinated, sustainable and survivor-led support systems that foster the long-term socio-economic inclusion of women affected by gender-based violence.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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